



# Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, August 18, 2022

*Please Note:* This Update is posted on the Passaic County website and distributed through the Constant Contact email group for families who have elected to provide their email address and is distributed to all staff. Our Social Workers and Therapeutic Recreation staff distribute the Update to residents who wish to receive it.

After 34 years of providing pastoral care services for our residents, Sister Patricia Avicolli will retire on August 31, 2022. Since 1988, Sister Pat has been a friend to residents and staff providing comfort and companionship through the many transitions that have occurred at Preakness and in the world. To say that Sister Pat will be missed is a huge understatement! Save the date --- we are planning a celebration on September 22, 2022, to wish Sister Pat health and happiness in her retirement.

One resident who lives on resident unit 1-400 tested positive on August 16, 2022. On August 19, 2022, we will complete the testing of residents who had close contact with residents or staff who recently tested positive.

The current outbreak began on April 18, 2022. Forty-three staff and twenty-four residents have tested positive. Five of the staff are not vaccinated and have approved exemptions. Thirty-four staff received first boosters; six received a second booster. Twenty-one residents received a first booster; twelve received a second booster. Seven staff are currently out of work. Our residents who tested positive are residing on 2-400, "C" section. Visitors to this unit must wear personal protective equipment which is provided on the unit.

COVID-19 vaccines are offered to residents and staff in accordance with current CDC recommendations. Please call Patrick Kuiken, RN, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181 for additional information. To date, 120 residents and 128 staff received second boosters. Antigen tests are available at no cost for visitors who wish to be tested. Please inform the Security staff when visiting if you wish to be tested.

If you have an urgent call or complaint, please call Preakness Healthcare Center Security staff at 973-317-7023 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person. In addition, Dr. Geoffrey Mugalu, LNHA, Assistant Executive Director may be reached at 973-585-2113, Daniel Nasulme, RN, BSN, Director of Nursing may be reached at 973-585-1409 or Aleyamma John, RN, BSN, Assistant Director of Nursing may be reached at 862-345-5911 to address any concerns. A nursing supervisor is available for emergent issues by calling the nursing supervisor cell phone, 973-617-7496.

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff, their sacrifices, and the continued support we receive during these challenging and emotional times. And, special thanks for the understanding from our residents and their families as the regulatory directives and protocols for COVID continue to evolve. ***Preakness Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!***

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA  
Executive Director